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TO HAUNT A GOLDEN GIRL IN...  
**DREAD PAST**  
AND OUT OF THE NIGHT CAME  
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HAIR

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**M**UST A GIRL GO ON PAYING FOR HER MISTAKES FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE?  
THIS WAS THE QUESTION THAT PLAGUED ME WHEN THE ONLY REAL LOVE I HAD  
EVER KNOWN WAS THREATENED BY MY...

# DREAD PAST



MARK AND I WERE WALKING LEISURELY THROUGH THE CORRIDOR OF THE HILLDALE GENERAL HOSPITAL, DISCUSSING OUR WEDDING PLANS, WHEN OUR NAMES WERE CALLED OVER THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM.

DR. WINTERS AND NURSE CAGEN REPORT TO SURGERY IMMEDIATELY... DOCTOR WINTERS AND NURSE CAGEN...

SOUNDS LIKE AN EMERGENCY... LET'S GO!

FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER WE WERE IN THE OPERATING ROOM AND IN MY HAND I HELD THE POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH OVER THE MAN WHO LAY STARING AT ME FROM THE OPERATING TABLE... THE MAN WHO COULD SHATTER MY ENTIRE EXISTENCE WITH ONE WORD!



I PLACED THE ETHER CANS OVER MY FACE... FELT HIM STRUGGLE FOR A MOMENT... AND THEN GRADUALLY HE SURRENDERED TO THE SLEEP-PRODUCING FUMES!



MEMORIES OF THE PAST SWEPT INTO MY CONSCIOUSNESS AS MY MIND DRIFTED BACK THREE YEARS TO THE CITY GENERAL HOSPITAL WHERE I WAS WORKING AS A NEWLY GRADUATED NURSE...

I'M LEAVING, ALICE! DON'T FORGET TO LOCK UP THE NARCOTICS!

I WON'T, MISS RYAN!



YES, I LOCKED UP THE NARCOTICS... BUT NOT UNTIL AFTER I HAD TAKEN SEVERAL GRAINS OF MORPHINE AND HIDDEN THE TINY TABLETS IN THE HEEL OF MY UNIFORM...



...AND AT NIGHT, AS EVERY NIGHT, THE PRIM LITTLE NURSE IN THE WHITE UNIFORM BECAME TRANSFORMED INTO A WILD-EYED, FRENZIED DOPE ADDICT!

HERE IT IS, JACK... MORPHINE!

GOOD! GEORGE MANAGED TO GET SOME MARIJUANA! THIS IS GONNA BE A REAL BALL!



JACK DILLON HAD FIRST TAUGHT ME THE USE OF NARCOTICS! I WAS DEEPLY INFATUATED WITH HIM AND I FOOLISHLY LET HIM COAX ME INTO SMOKING THE WEED... JUST FOR KICKS...

GO AHEAD, ALICE! IT WON'T HURT YOU! IT'S LIKE NOTHING IN THIS WORLD... HONEST!

ALL RIGHT, JACK... IF YOU SAY SO!



IN A FEW SHORT MONTHS I WAS A FULL-FLEDGED ADDICT, TAKING NARCOTICS IN ALL FORMS... STEALING FROM THE HOSPITAL IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE TERRIBLE RAGING INFERNAL THAT BLAZED CONSTANTLY IN MY TORTURED BODY! I ATTENDED JACK'S 'TEA PARTIES' REGULARLY!



THEN ONE NIGHT THE INEVITABLE HAPPENED!

THIS IS THE PLACE  
ALL RIGHT, LIEUTENANT!

OKAY, FOLKS... THE  
PARTY'S OVER! LET'S  
ALL TAKE A LITTLE  
RIDE DOWN TO  
HEADQUARTERS!

COPS!



WE WERE ARRAIGNED AND TRIED! JACK WAS  
GIVEN TWO YEARS IN THE STATE PENI-  
TENTIARY! I, BECAUSE OF MY YOUTH, WAS  
SHOWN MERCY...

ALICE CAGEN... YOU  
ARE HEREBY SENTENCED  
TO SERVE ONE YEAR  
IN THE WOMEN'S  
HOUSE OF  
CORRECTION!



THE FIRST  
FEW MONTHS  
OF CON-  
FINEMENT  
WERE SHEER  
TORTURE, AS  
THE CONSTANT  
CRAVING FOR  
DRUGS WENT  
UNSATISFIED, BUT  
GRADUALLY  
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NARCOTICS  
SUBSIDED  
AND AFTER  
A WHILE  
I BEGAN  
TO REGAIN  
THE HEALTH  
AND VITALITY  
I HAD LOST  
THROUGH  
ADDICTION!  
FINALLY,  
MY YEAR  
WAS UP!

I TRUST YOU ARE NOT BITTER  
OVER YOUR CONFINEMENT HERE,  
ALICE! BELIEVE ME,  
YOU HAVE PROFITED  
BY IT!

I KNOW  
I HAVE,  
MISS DOWNS! THANK  
YOU FOR EVERYTHING...  
GOOD-BYE!





I WAS FREE... FREE OF THE CURSE OF ADDICTION... FREE TO BUILD A NEW LIFE FOR MYSELF...

I'LL MAKE GOOD...  
I KNOW I WILL!



I HAD RUN ACROSS A NEWSPAPER ITEM WHICH TOLD OF AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF NURSES AT THE COUNTY HOSPITAL IN HILLDALE...

NO ONE WILL KNOW  
ME THERE! IT'S HUNDREDS  
OF MILES FROM NEW  
YORK!



WHEN I ARRIVED AT HILLDALE I TOOK A ROOM IN A BOARDING HOUSE!

OH, YOU'RE A NURSE...  
WELL, YOU CERTAINLY  
WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE  
GETTING A JOB AT THE  
COUNTY HOSPITAL!  
THEY'RE IN A  
REALLY BAD  
WAY!

YES, I  
READ  
ABOUT  
IT! THAT'S  
WHY I  
CAME TO  
HILLDALE!

ROOMS  
FOR  
RENT



THE FOLLOWING DAY, I APPLIED FOR A JOB AT THE HOSPITAL AND WAS ACCEPTED WITH OPEN ARMS BY THE DIRECTOR AND HEAD SURGEON!

WE'RE VERY HAPPY  
TO HAVE YOU HERE,  
MISS CAGEN. I  
ONLY HOPE THE  
AMOUNT OF  
WORK DOES  
NOT SCARE  
YOU AWAY.

DON'T WORRY,  
DR. WINTERS,  
I'M USED TO  
HARD  
WORK!



IT WAS A BUSY HOSPITAL AND I WELCOMED THE LONG HOURS OF WORK THAT HELPED ME FORGET THE PAST! SEVERAL MONTHS PASSED AND ONE DAY DR. WINTERS CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE!

MISS CAGEN, OUR ANESTHETIST  
IS LEAVING NEXT WEEK! HOW  
WOULD YOU LIKE THE JOB?  
IT'S A LOT  
EASIER THAN  
WARD WORK!

THANK YOU,  
DR. WINTERS!  
I'D BE HAPPY  
TO TAKE THE  
JOB!



I WAS ELATED... NOT BECAUSE THE JOB WAS LESS TEDIOUS, BUT BECAUSE I WOULD BE WORKING IN THE OPERATING ROOM MOST OF THE TIME WHERE I WOULD BE SEEING DR. MARK WINTERS MORE OFTEN! I FELT A TINGLE OF EXCITEMENT EVERY TIME I WAS NEAR HIM!

...AND PLEASE  
CALL ME MARK... ALICE!

ALL RIGHT,  
MARK!



WORKING TOGETHER THAT WAY, MARK AND I GREW VERY FOND OF EACH OTHER, AND BEFORE LONG, WE BOTH KNEW WE HAD FALLEN IN LOVE!

ALICE... I CAN'T KEEP THIS INSIDE ME ANY LONGER! I WANT YOU ALICE! THIS BEING NEAR YOU CONSTANTLY... I...

I KNOW, DARLING! IT'S BEEN THE SAME WITH ME!

HE DREW ME INTO HIS ENBRACE AND I RAISED MY LIPS TO MEET HIS! A GLOW OF SOFT RADIANCE ENVELOPED ME AS I BASKED IN THE WARM ECSTASY OF HIS KISS!

OH, MARK, DEAREST... I LOVE YOU SO!

SAY YOU'LL MARRY ME, ALICE!

SUDDENLY I FELT A PANG OF GUILT! DID I HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT MARK'S PROPOSAL WHEN I HAD DECEIVED HIM BY NOT TELLING HIM OF MY PAST? YES! YES! MY HEART CRIED OUT! "LET THE PAST BE DEAD!" FOR A MOMENT I HESITATED... THEN I GAVE HIM MY ANSWER!

YES, MARK... I'LL MARRY YOU!

IT WAS THE VERY NEXT DAY!

DR. WINTERS AND NURSE CAGEN REPORT TO SURGERY...

POLICE! I WONDER WHAT'S UP!

THE CHIEF OF DETECTIVES GAVE US THE DETAILS!

...EX-CONVICT TRYING TO SMUGGLE DOPE ACROSS THE STATE LINE... GOT SHOT TRYING TO ESCAPE... NAME'S DILLON... JACK DILLON!

I MUST HAVE TURNED WHITE, AS ALL THE SHAME AND HORROR OF MY PAST RUSHED INTO MY CONSCIOUSNESS AT THE SOUND OF THAT NAME!

ANYTHING WRONG, MISS?

NO... NO, I'M ALL RIGHT! I'M... ALL... RIGHT!



JACK DILLON WAS WEAK FROM LOSS OF BLOOD... HIS FACE WAS TWISTED IN PAIN... BUT AS HE STARED UP AT ME JUST BEFORE I ADMINISTERED THE ETHER, I SAW THE SPARK OF RECOGNITION IN HIS EYES!



THE BULLET HAD PIERCED SEVERAL VITAL ORGANS AND WAS NOW LODGED CLOSE TO HIS HEART! MARK WORKED FRANTICALLY, DESPERATELY, USING ALL THE SKILL AT HIS COMMAND!

MORE ETHER, ALICE!  
HE SEEMS TO BE  
COMING OUT OF IT!



IT WAS THEN THAT THE IDEA OCCURRED TO ME! IF JACK DILLON LIVED HE WOULD EXPOSE ME AND DESTROY EVERYTHING I HAD HOPED AND WORKED FOR IN THE PAST TWO YEARS... IF HE DIED, MY SECRET WOULD BE SAFE!

...AND IT COULD BE SO EASY...  
JUST A LITTLE BIT TOO MUCH ETHER, AND...



I HELD THE CONE OVER HIS FACE... KNEW I SHOULD REMOVE IT... HESITATED... SUDDENLY I COULDN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT! I STARTED TO LIFT IT WHEN I HEARD MARK'S VOICE!

HE'S DEAD!

OH, NO!



JACK DILLON WAS DEAD!... AND I WAS HIS MURDERER! I WAS PARALYZED WITH SHOCK AND HORROR AT WHAT I HAD DONE!

I KILLED HIM! I KILLED HIM!  
I DIDN'T MEAN TO! PLEASE, GOD!  
I DIDN'T MEAN TO!



AND THEN I RAN! I BOLTED FROM THE OPERATING ROOM, RACED DOWN THE CORRIDOR AND OUT OF THE HOSPITAL! WHEN I REACHED MY ROOM, I STARTED THROWING THINGS INTO MY SUITCASE!

...GET AWAY! GOT TO GET AWAY! I'M A MURDERER!



MARK CAUGHT ME AT THE RAILROAD STATION JUST AS I WAS BOARDING THE TRAIN!

ALICE... WHERE ARE YOU GOING? WHAT'S WRONG?

LET ME GO! LET ME GO! I KILLED HIM!



KILLED WHO? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

JACK DILLON! I GAVE HIM TOO MUCH ETHER! I DIDN'T MEAN IT! I DIDN'T...



MARK MANAGED TO SNAP ME OUT OF MY HYSTERIA, AND THEN IN A TREMBLING FALTERING VOICE, I SOBBED OUT THE WHOLE STORY!

SO I STARTED TO GO THROUGH WITH IT... AND THEN I JUST COULDN'T... ONLY IT WAS TOO LATE... HE... WAS ALREADY... DEAD...



THAT'S RIGHT, ALICE, HE **WAS** DEAD... BUT YOU **DIDN'T** KILL HIM! JACK DILLON DIED OF EXCESSIVE INTERNAL BLEEDING! NOTHING ON EARTH COULD HAVE SAVED HIS LIFE! THE AUTOPSY WILL PROVE THAT ETHER HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH DILLON'S DEATH!



AS FOR YOUR DEEP, DARK SECRET... DID YOU REALLY THINK IT WOULD MATTER TO ME? DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT I WOULD LOVE YOU NO MATTER WHAT YOU HAD DONE IN THE PAST?

OH, MARK... I WAS SO AFRAID!



BUT I'M NO LONGER AFRAID... FOR THE DREADFUL SECRET IS OUT NOW AND I CAN MARRY MARK WITH A HEART THAT IS FREE OF THE TERRIBLE BURDEN OF MY GUILT AND SHAME!



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**SHOW BUSINESS!!** THE LIGHTS... THE LAUGHS... THE GLAMOUR! THAT'S THE PICTURE MOST PEOPLE SEE, BUT UNDERNEATH ALL THE SILK AND TINSEL LIE THE HEARTACHES AND FRUSTRATIONS AND MISERY... AND MANY'S THE NIGHT YOU CRY YOURSELF TO SLEEP WITH THE

# BLUES

SAY, ISN'T THAT ELLEN DELANEY, THE SINGER? WHO'S THE FELLOW WITH HER?

THAT'S HER ACCOMPANIST, ROY DAVIS! I HEAR THEY ARE MARRIED! NOW WHY WOULD A **STAR** LIKE HER MARRY A **NOTHING** LIKE THAT?



YES, A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE WONDERED HOW I CAME TO MARRY A SIMPLE PIANO PLAYER WHEN I COULD HAVE HAD THE PICK OF THE CROP... WELL, IT'S A LONG STORY AND IT GOES BACK TO FIVE YEARS AGO...

I WAS A NOBODY THEN, AND I HAD JUST FINISHED A WEEK'S ENGAGEMENT IN A SMALL CHICAGO NIGHT-CLUB WHEN I RAN ACROSS AN ITEM IN ONE OF THE TRADE PAPERS... TONY KIPP, THE BANDLEADER, WAS HOLDING AUDITIONS FOR A GIRL VOCALIST! I MADE MY BID...

SORRY, MISS DELANEY... YOU'RE NOT WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR!

OKAY, GIRLS, THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY! COME BACK TOMORROW!



I WAS LEAVING WITH THE REST OF THE TRYOUTS WHEN I FELT A HAND ON MY ARM...

I THINK TONY'S MAKING A MISTAKE, MISS DELANEY! HE SHOULD HAVE HIRED YOU!

WELL, THANK YOU... SAY, YOU'RE THE PIANO PLAYER THAT JUST PLAYED FOR THE AUDITIONS!



NO, I HAD NOTHING TO LOSE... AND EVERYTHING TO GAIN! ROY TUTORED ME, SHOWED ME HOW TO STAND, HOW TO GESTURE! HE GAVE ME POISE AND CONFIDENCE! AND SOMEHOW, WHEN I SANG TO HIS ACCOMPANIMENT, THE NOTES SEEMED TO FLOW FROM ME OF THEIR OWN ACCORD, AS IF I WERE JUST A PART OF ROY'S PLAYING! IT WAS UNCANNY, BUT IT GOT RESULTS!



THAT NIGHT ROY AND I CELEBRATED WITH CHAMPAGNE!

OH, ROY! I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT! A CONTRACT! WHY WE'LL BE ABLE TO...



THAT'S RIGHT! ROY DAVIS IS THE NAME! YOU'VE GOT A NICE STYLE! ALL IT NEEDS IS POLISH! YOU KNOW... I THINK I COULD MAKE SOMETHING OUT OF YOU... IF YOU'D LET ME!

YOU'RE AN ODD ONE... I THINK YOU HONESTLY BELIEVE YOU COULD... BUT, I'M GAME! WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE!



ROY QUIT TONY KIPP'S BAND AND WE BECAME A TEAM! OUR FIRST BREAK CAME AT NICK TORETTI'S ALBATROSS CLUB IN CHICAGO! WE PUT EVERYTHING INTO THAT FIRST PERFORMANCE!

YOU'RE A GOOD COMBO... THE CUSTOMERS LIKE YOU! HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SIGN A CONTRACT AT \$200 A WEEK?

WOULD WE?

OH, ROY... THAT'S WONDERFUL!



SUDDENLY HIS MOUTH COVERED MINE... MY BODY WENT LIMP IN HIS EMBRACE AND I FELT THE BLOOD RACING HOTLY THROUGH MY VEINS...

ROY... OH, ROY!

ELLEN, DARLING... I LOVE YOU!





SO WE WERE MARRIED, AND FOR SIX MONTHS WE WERE BLISSFULLY HAPPY! MY SINGING HAD IMPROVED TO THE POINT WHERE I ACTUALLY HELD AUDIENCES SPELLBOUND THROUGH AN ENTIRE NUMBER! THEN ONE DAY A THEATRICAL AGENT WALKED INTO OUR DRESSING ROOM!

I'LL PUT IT BLUNTLY! I GOT A CONTRACT HERE FOR MISS DELANEY BUT **WITHOUT** PIANO PLAYER... THIS IS THE BIG TIME, BABY... A BROADWAY MUSICAL! THINK IT OVER! I'LL BE AT MY HOTEL!



I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO! THIS WAS MY BIG CHANCE...

I KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS TO YOU, HONEY, BUT YOU'RE NOT READY YET! WHY WITHOUT ME TO...

WITHOUT YOU! SO THAT'S IT! YOU'RE AFRAID TO LET ME GO! AFRAID TO LET ME STAND ON MY OWN! WELL, I'M GOING, AND YOU CAN'T STOP ME!



I WENT TO NEW YORK, BUT INSIDE OF TWO WEEKS!

LOOK, ELLEN, IT WAS A MISTAKE HIRING YOU FOR THIS SHOW! IT'S THE FIRST TIME BERT HERE HAS EVER USED POOR JUDGEMENT, BUT FRANKLY, YOU JUST HAVEN'T GOT IT!



MY DISAPPOINTMENT WAS ALMOST UNBEARABLE, BUT I WASN'T SURPRISED AT MY DISMISSAL! I HAD EXPECTED IT, FOR FROM THE DAY THAT THE SHOW OPENED I KNEW SOMETHING WAS MISSING! I COULDN'T SEEM TO HOLD THE AUDIENCE THE WAY I DID AT NICK'S! I WAS A COMPLETE WASHOUT!



I THOUGHT OF GOING BACK TO THE ALBATROSS IN CHICAGO, BUT I KNEW NICK WOULD NEVER TAKE ME BACK AFTER HAVING BROKEN OUR CONTRACT BEFORE THE YEAR WAS UP... SO I TOOK A TWO WEEK ENGAGEMENT AT A CHEAP DIVE IN GREENWICH VILLAGE!





GREENWICH VILLAGE DIVES ARE NOT THE MOST SAVORY PLACES TO WORK ...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY DRESSING ROOM? GET OUT OF HERE OR I'LL SCREAM!

OKAY, BABY... OKAY! I JUST THOUGHT...

... AND WHEN MY TWO WEEKS WERE UP, I REFUSED THE MANAGER'S OFFER OF AN EXTENSION...

YOU KNOW, I COULD FIX IT FOR YOU TO STAY ANOTHER TWO WEEKS IF YOU WERE WILLING TO... COOPERATE A LITTLE ...

NEVER MIND! JUST GIVE ME MY PAY! I'M NOT THAT BAD OFF!

BUT I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW BROKE I REALLY WAS! I TRIED TO GET WORK EVERYWHERE ... CLUBS, HOTELS, AGENCIES... AND ALWAYS IT WAS THE SAME ANSWER...

SORRY, MISS... THERE'S NOTHING!

FINALLY, IN DESPERATION ...

WELL, IF IT AIN'T THE PRIMA DONNA... DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE DECIDED TO CONSIDER MY LITTLE OFFER!

YES, I'VE RECONSIDERED ... IS THE JOB STILL AVAILABLE?

I GOT THE JOB WITH CERTAIN UNWRITTEN PROVISIONS... THE NEXT AFTERNOON I WENT DOWN TO THE CLUB TO REHEARSE MY NEW MATERIAL! THE MAN AT THE PIANO LOOKED STRANGELY FAMILIAR...

ROY!

HELLO, ELLEN!

I EXPECTED HIM TO SHOW ANGER OR SARCASM OR HATRED... BUT HE DIDN'T! HE WAS THE SAME, GENTLE SERIOUS ROY... SHOWING ME MY FAULTS... REMINDING ME TO RELAX, TO LET THE MUSIC TAKE HOLD OF ME!



THAT NIGHT, I SANG TO ROY'S ACCOMPANIMENT! IT WAS THE SAME AS ALWAYS! ROY'S PLAYING WAS LIKE A SPELL OVER ME THAT I, IN TURN, CAST OVER THE AUDIENCE... AND AFTER MY NUMBER WAS OVER...

MORE!  
MORE!

THAT GIRL  
IS TERRIFIC!

WHAT'S HER  
NAME?



COME ON, BABY... NOW LET'S  
SEE IF YOU CAN DO OTHER  
THINGS AS WELL AS YOU  
CAN SING!

GET YOUR  
FILTHY HANDS  
OFF HER,  
PUNK!

AFTER THE  
PERFORMANCE,  
THE MANAGER  
CAME TO  
COLLECT  
HIS BONUS...



WHO YOU  
CALLIN' PUNK?  
WHY I'LL...  
UGHH!

PACK YOUR THINGS,  
ELLEN! WE'RE  
LEAVING THIS  
FLEA TRAP!



IT WASN'T  
HARD FOR  
ROY AND  
ME TO GET  
BOOKINGS  
AFTER  
THAT AND  
MY RISE  
TO FAME  
WAS METEORIC!  
OH, I'VE  
HAD PLENTY  
OF OFFERS  
THAT DIDN'T  
INCLUDE  
ROY, BUT  
I'VE HAD TO  
TURN THEM  
ALL DOWN...  
YOU SEE, I'M  
NO GOOD  
WITHOUT  
ROY... EITHER  
AS A SINGER  
OR AS A  
WOMAN...



...OF COURSE I GET ALL THE  
GLORY AND PUBLICITY, BUT ROY  
DOESN'T MIND... HE HAS ME...  
AND I HAVE HIM!

# FORGETFULNESS



By Edwin Green

Frantically she searched through the papers on the desk for the envelope. Tears streamed down her face as she realized that it was missing. Then the realization of where the letter was dawned on her and she stopped her search.

"Oh, *I forgot!* I gave it to Daddy to mail. And he's on a trip to Springfield so there's no way of getting in touch with him before he mails it!"

The tears started anew as she realized the hopelessness of the situation. The letter to Larry would be mailed and there was no way of stopping it. The letter that was to write *finis* to a year and a half of romance and love . . . to the plans that only two people in love can make. But that was all over now. Over and done with! She had said as much in her letter and there was no calling it back now. Dad would mail it, he wasn't like her . . . he wouldn't *forget!*

*Forgetfulness!* That's what had caused her to write the letter in the first place. *Forgetfulness!* That trait had been the bane of her existence since her childhood. How many heartaches and disappointments had she suffered because of absentmindedness! Now she was to ~~lose Larry because of it.~~

She remembered the cold shivers running up and down her spine when she saw Larry kissing that girl in the veranda in back of his house. Of course he hadn't seen her, but that was beside the point. How could he have been so cruel . . . so, so two-timing! She had run blindly from the place tears stinging at her eyes. That was when Larry had seen her. She had heard his deep voice booming after her, but explanations would only add fuel to the fire and so she chose to ignore them. They beat against her ears like branding irons and seared at her heart and then they were lost as she disappeared into the next street.

Oh, Larry had called after that, but she was conveniently "not at home" to the incessant ringing of the telephone. There are some things a girl can overlook in her fiancé, but not a romance with another girl. Finally the phone had stopped ringing and that was that. But it really wasn't, for deep down inside she was left with a dull aching void that was her love for Larry. But she couldn't forgive him for that scene on the veranda . . . that would be asking too much from any girl.



Of course there had been times when he had forgiven her for mistakes. But they were simple things that were really unimportant. Like the time she forgot



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to meet him for dinner and he had stood in the rain waiting for her. Or when she had forgotten to give his mother the message that he had been called out of town for a few hours and wouldn't be home for dinner. His mother had been frantic with worry, envisioning all kinds of accidents . . . but it still hadn't compared with his kissing that girl, had it?



Her mistakes were always the result of her *absentmindedness*, and you can't crucify a person just for being *forgetful*, can you?

But now it was all over. It was all in the letter . . . the short terse note writing finis to their romance. And even though it was all a mistake there was no getting the letter back now that Daddy had it. He wasn't like her, he'd remember to mail it.

*Forgetfulness!* For the first time in her life it had really hurt her. That's what had broken up her romance with Larry. Because she couldn't remember! It was a shock to see the girl come up to her in the department store. The same girl that she had seen Larry kissing. There was something familiar about her, but what nerve! And then the girl was talking and her world came tumbling down about her! She did know the girl! It was Larry's cousin. The one she had met once before . . . at her engage-

ment party. And now the date for the wedding had been set and Larry's kiss was a token of congratulations . . . nothing at all what she had imagined it to be! Why hadn't she remembered? Larry had told her about his cousin and the wedding, but like the little fool she was, she had to *forget* it! And it was too late to do anything about getting the letter back . . . Daddy would see to that!

She heard the door open softly behind her and she quickly dabbed at her eyes with a handkerchief. Daddy had returned. She felt the hand on her shoulder . . . and then the small electric-like thrill came over her as she recognized the touch. Larry! Quickly she turned to face him, mouth opened wide in surprise. What was he doing here? Then she saw the letter in his hand!

"I met your father in Springfield, Sue. He was going to mail this letter, but you made it impossible for him to do so! I took the letter from him hoping to use it as a way of getting to talk to you. There is an explanation to this mess, you know."

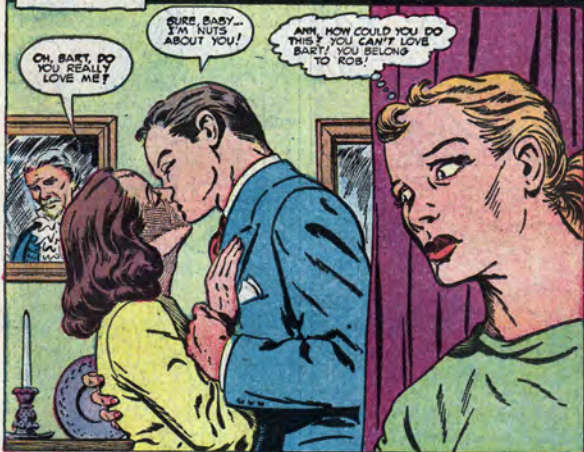
Blindly she took the envelope from him . . . and stared at the empty white face. *She had forgotten to address it!*

Tears were running down her face as Larry drew her close to him . . . tears of happiness . . . of thankfulness . . . and of *forgetfulness!*



AT THE RISK OF BRINGING SHAME AND HUMILIATION UPON MYSELF FOR THE SAKE OF THE TWO PEOPLE I ADORED... I WAS READY TO OFFER MYSELF AS...

# LOVE BAIT



OH, BART, DO YOU REALLY LOVE ME?

SURE, BABY... I'M NUTS ABOUT YOU!

ANN, HOW COULD YOU DO THIS? YOU CAN'T LOVE BART! YOU BELONG TO ROB!

EXCITEMENT REIGNED IN THE CONDON HOME ON THE DAY ROB'S LETTER ARRIVED... WAS THIS THE ONE THEY HAD DREAMED ABOUT?

A SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER FROM YOUR BROTHER... SURE HOPE IT'S THE ONE YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!

OH, SO DO I... IT'S BEEN SO LONG... SO TERRIBLY LONG!

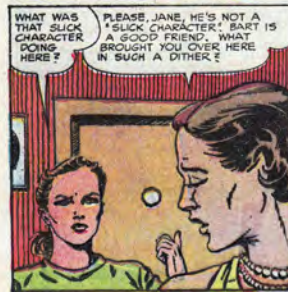


OH, MOTHER... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! ROB'S COMING HOME AFTER TWO LONG YEARS!

THANK GOD FOR SEEING HIM THROUGH SAFELY!







SOMETHING KEPT ME FROM TELLING ANN ABOUT ROB'S LETTER. SOMETHING KEPT POUNDING IN MY BRAIN.

THERE CAN'T BE... THERE JUST CAN'T BE ANYTHING BETWEEN THEM!



DID YOU HAVE A GOOD TIME, BABY?

OH, BART, IT WAS WONDERFUL... YOU'VE TAUGHT ME TO LAUGH AGAIN!



I WAS BESIDE MYSELF WITH GRIEF. I REFUSED TO ACCEPT THIS SITUATION THAT THREATENED TO DESTROY THE WONDERFUL DREAMS THAT ROB AND ANN HAD BUILT...



BUT THREE NIGHTS LATER I WAS AWAKENED BY BART AND ANN COMING HOME FROM A DATE. IT WAS THREE IN THE MORNING...

SHHH, BART DON'T WANT TO WAKE ANYONE AT THIS HOUR,



I'VE BEEN SO LONELY SO LONG. OH, BART... HOLD ME CLOSE!

SURE, BABY... SURE!



THE NEXT DAY I CONFRONTED ANN...

BUT YOU CAN'T BE IN LOVE WITH HIM! WHAT ABOUT ROB?

PLEASE, JANE, I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT. I COULDN'T HELP FALLING IN LOVE WITH BART... IT JUST HAPPENED!



I REFUSED TO BELIEVE THAT ANN'S FEELING FOR BART WAS LOVE... SHE HAD BEEN LONELY, DEPRESSED... BART HAD LIFTED HER SPIRITS... BUT SHE COULDN'T HAVE FORGOTTEN ROB SO QUICKLY...

ROB WILL BE HOME ANY DAY NOW! I'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING!



I GUESS YOU AND ANN WILL BE GETTING MARRIED SOON...

MARRIED! HEY, NOW... WHERE'D YOU EVER GET THAT IDEA?



NOW YOU'RE WHAT I CALL MY TYPE... YOU'VE GOT REAL CLASS!

PLEASE... LET ME GO! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



SEVERAL DAYS LATER MY OPPORTUNITY AROSE. I HAD JUST GONE NEXT DOOR TO SEE ANN...

OH, HELLO... I DIDN'T EXPECT TO FIND YOU HERE!

JUST WAITING FOR THE DOLL TO GET HOME. COME ON IN!



BUT I THOUGHT THAT YOU AND ANN WERE...

...IN LOVE? DON'T BE SILLY! ANN'S OKAY FOR LAUGHS, BUT SHE AIN'T EXACTLY MY TYPE WHEN IT COMES TO SERIOUS THINGS!



SUDDENLY A THOUGHT STRUCK ME! ANN WAS DUE HOME AT ANY MOMENT. IF SHE FOUND BART MAKING LOVE TO ME SHE COULDN'T HELP BUT SEE HIM FOR WHAT HE WAS...

COME ON, BABY, LOOSEN UP. I AIN'T SUCH A BAD GUY WHEN YOU GET TO KNOW ME.

SURE, BART—WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE?

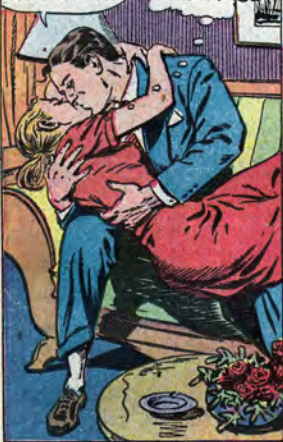




I FLUNG MYSELF INTO HIS ARMS... KISSED HIM HARD ON THE MOUTH... PRESSED MYSELF TO HIM...

BABY, YOU'RE THE REAL THING! YOU'RE FOR ME!

I'VE GOT TO HOLD HIM THIS WAY UNTIL ANN COMES HOME!



SUDDENLY THE DOOR SWUNG OPEN... FOR A MOMENT I THOUGHT I HAD TRIUMPHED... BUT IT WAS NOT ANN STANDING IN THE DOORWAY...

ANN! ANN, HONEY! I'M...

ROB!



THE REALIZATION OF WHAT ROB MUST BE THINKING FILLED ME WITH TERRIBLE SHAME... AND YET HOW COULD I EXPLAIN?

JANE... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE WITH THIS, THIS...

NOW HOLD ON, CHUM, THIS CAN BE SETTLED REAL PEACEFUL-LIKE!



AND JUST THEN ANN WALKED IN...

ROB! JANE! WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT'S HAPPENED?

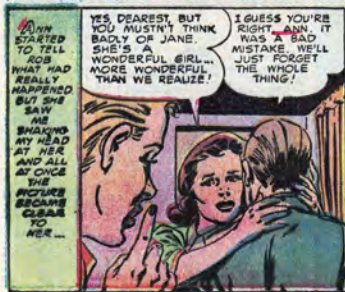
I CAME IN HERE LOOKING FOR YOU AND FOUND THIS CREEP MAULING MY SISTER!



BUT JANE ISN'T... I MEAN... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

IT'S TRUE, ANN. BART AND I... WE'VE BEEN USING YOUR APARTMENT FOR... FOR...





# TODAY'S PROBLEM

MARY GILFORD'S PROBLEM IS AS DIFFICULT AS IT IS HEART-BREAKING, FOR THE EMOTIONS OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED ARE SO STRONG AND SO CONFLICTING THAT NO SOLUTION WOULD SEEM TO SATISFY EVERYONE!



IT STARTED FOUR YEARS AGO WHEN MARY FIRST TOLD HER PARENTS THAT SHE WANTED TO MARRY KEN FOSTER, WHOSE REPUTATION IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS ONE OF A NEER-DO-WELL AND POOL ROOM HANGER-ON! NATURALLY, MARY'S PARENTS WERE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE IDEA!

MARY, BE SENSIBLE! HE'S NO GOOD! HE'LL NEVER MAKE YOU HAPPY!



I CERTAINLY WILL NOT GIVE MY CONSENT! WHAT'S MORE, I FORBID YOU TO EVER SEE THAT HOODLUM AGAIN!



BUT WHEN MARY TOLD KEN OF HER PARENTS' EDICT, KEN HAD OTHER IDEAS!

HONEY, WHY DON'T WE ELOPE? I CAN GET A JOB DRIVING A TRUCK AND YOU'RE A PRETTY GOOD BOOKKEEPER...



...AND WE CAN HAVE OUR OWN APARTMENT AND... OH, YES, KEN... LET'S ELOPE, DARLING!



THEN THEY RAN OFF AND GOT MARRIED IN DEFIANCE OF MARY'S PARENTS! FOR A WHILE THEY WERE VERY HAPPY AND THEIR COMBINED SALARIES ENABLED THEM TO KEEP UP A SMALL APARTMENT AND ALSO SAVE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT!

OH, KEN, JUST THINK... SOON WE'LL BE ABLE TO BUY THAT LIVING ROOM SET!



THAT'S GREAT, MONEY!



BUT KEN LIKED TO GAMBLE, AND ONE DAY MARY DISCOVERED THAT HE HAD LOST NEARLY ALL THE MONEY THEY HAD MANAGED TO SAVE! THIS SHOCK CAME ON THE SAME DAY THAT MARY'S DOCTOR TOLD HER SHE WAS GOING TO HAVE A BABY!

KEN, HOW COULD YOU? ALL OUR SAVINGS... AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A BABY!



WHAT ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT? I'LL GET IT BACK!



THE COMING BABY DIDN'T SEEM TO MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO KEN! EVEN WHEN MARY HAD TO STOP WORKING, HE CONTINUED TO GAMBLE AWAY MOST OF HIS SALARY...

WHEN WILL YOU STOP, KEN? DON'T YOU CARE AT ALL ABOUT ME OR THE BABY?



AAH, GET OFF MY BACK! YOU MAKE ME SICK! YOU AND THAT BABY!



MARY REALIZES NOW THAT HER MARRIAGE TO KEN WAS A HORRIBLE MISTAKE! SHE HAS DECIDED ON A DIVORCE...

THAT SUITS ME, MARY... I GUESS IT'S BEST FOR BOTH OF US!



I KNOW IT IS!

MARY'S PARENTS HAVE OFFERED TO TAKE HER BACK TO LIVE WITH THEM, BUT MARY IS AFRAID THAT THEY WILL HATE HER BABY BECAUSE IT IS KEN'S! SHE DOESN'T WANT TO GIVE THE BABY TO A FOUNDLING HOME NOR IS SHE ABLE TO PROVIDE AND CARE FOR THE BABY BY HERSELF! WON'T YOU PLEASE WRITE AND GIVE MARY YOUR SUGGESTIONS!





# PROBLEM CORNER



Dear Mildred Norton:

My fiance and I have been engaged for six months and as yet I have not received a ring. I love him very much, and while the ring is relatively unimportant, it is something that every girl dreams about. He hasn't mentioned anything about it to me and so I am seeking your advice. Do you think I should say anything to him or just pass it off until he gives me one?

H. G.

Sioux City, Iowa

Dear H. G.:

This is always a problem when a girl has her heart set on receiving an engagement ring. But in your case, since nothing has been said about it, there might be other factors that you don't realize. The most important, perhaps, is the finances involved. As you know, diamond rings are very expensive, and maybe your fiance considers it a better investment to use this money for furnishing your home, or a honeymoon, or something far more material than a ring. Besides, you can't measure one's love by the material gifts and I'm sure that your man wants to give you the ring as much as you want to wear it. My advice is to discuss the advisability of such an expenditure and then make your decision.

Mildred Norton

Dear Mildred Norton:

We have been married a very short time and because of limited finances are living with my Mother. And while everything seems to be okay on the surface, I can still feel a certain amount of tension between my husband and his new Mother-in-law. I know that the right thing to do would be to find our own place to live,

but as I mentioned above, limited finances force us to stay with my folks. Can you make any suggestions to help us out?

S. W.

Rochester, N. Y.

Dear S. W.:

In your letter you offered the only possible solution to this problem . . . set up your own house-keeping! No matter how difficult it may seem, it is still the best way! For in your Mother's home you are merely a guest and therefore bound to the rules of the house. To all intents and purposes, you aren't even truly married. You will discover this when you finally take the step and begin to shift for yourselves! Honestly, S. W., there are certain subjects I feel very strongly about, and this is one of them. Please make the step before it is too late!

Mildred Norton

Dear Mildred Norton:

As you can see from the address, I come from a very small town. And as you know, it doesn't offer many possibilities for a girl of my age. What I would like to know is: should I leave school to go to a "Big City" and look for a job.

B. H.

Nanuetta, N. Y.

Dear B. H.:

How well I can sympathize with you, since I too came from a small town . . . and if only I had someone to give me the advice I am going to suggest to you. Don't leave school at any costs . . . at least not till you graduate. In a big city, the competition for jobs is tremendous and the slightest advantage you might have over your competitors might land you the position. And education is one of those advantages. And believe me, the big city will always be waiting for you, so don't be impatient. If it isn't this year, it will be next that you can make your invasion.

Mildred Norton



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There is an old adage that says, "Patience is a virtue." I can attest to the wisdom of those words, for it was my impatience that nearly resulted in tragedy... an impatience that drove me to becoming a...

# GANG MOLL



AFTER WORK, TIM PECKED ME UP ON THE USUAL CORNER AND DROVE ME HOME / TIM WAS A PLAIN-CLOTHES POLICEMAN AND I WAS ENGAGED TO HIM, BUT MARRIAGE SEEMED A LONG WAY OFF...

WELL, HOW'D IT GO TONIGHT, MEG?

THE SAME / RICO CARGONI REPEATED HIS OFFER TO-NIGHT FOR THE TENTH TIME! AT LEAST HIS PROPOSAL TAKES EFFECT UPON ACCEPTANCE!



LOOK, HONEY...WE KNOW CARGONI'S BEHIND THESE CRIMES / SOONER OR LATER HE'LL MAKE A SLIP AND WE'LL NAB HIM! THAT'S WHY I WISH YOU'D QUIT WORKING IN HIS CLUB / I DON'T WANT YOU MIXED UP IN ANYTHING LIKE THIS!

IS THAT SO?



I COULD TELL THAT TIM DIDN'T FOR A MOMENT BELIEVE THAT I WOULD CARRY OUT MY THREAT...BUT TIM WAS WRONG...

WELL, DOLLYFACE, HOW'S MY LITTLE HATCHBACK GIRL TONIGHT?

TIRED OF BEING A HATCHBACK GIRL / GOT ANY BETTER POSITIONS OPEN... RICO?



NOW, LET'S NOT GO INTO THAT AGAIN, HONEY! I TOLD YOU WE'LL GET MARRIED AS SOON AS I GET THE PROMOTION AND RAISE IN SALARY!

OH, SURE... AND ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO GET THE PROMOTION IS PIN THE LATEST WAREHOUSE ROBBERIES ON RICO CARGONI!



...WELL, LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, TIM REAGAN... YOU'RE A STUBBORN, PIG-HEADED MULE / AND UNTIL YOU SHOW ME A MARRIAGE LICENSE I'LL DO AS I PLEASE / IN FACT I THINK I'LL START WITH RICO CARGONI'S LITTLE PROPOSITION!

PLEASE, MEG...BE REASONABLE!



NOW THAT'S THE WAY I LIKE TO HEAR YOU TALK / I KNEW YOU'D SEE THE LIGHT SOONER OR LATER!

I'VE SEEN THE LIGHT, RICO... AND NOW I'VE SEEN IT!





**A WEEK LATER, RICO HAD SET ME UP IN A SUMPTUOUS PARK AVE. APARTMENT WITH AN EXPENSIVE WARDROBE OF CLOTHES, FURS, AND JEWELRY! RICO PAID CASH FOR EVERYTHING... I PAID IN OTHER WAYS...**

**YOU KNOW WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU, DOLLFACE? YOU GOT CLASS! YOU'RE THE QUIET TYPE, AND I LIKE DAMES WHO DON'T TALK TOO MUCH. NOW HOW'S ABOUT A BIG KISS FOR PAPA?**

**SURE, RICO!**



**RICO'S KISS WAS ONE OF ANIMAL LOVE AND DESIRE! HIS LIPS WERE CRUEL, BRUISING, AND THE TOUCH OF HIS HANDS MADE MY SKIN CRAWL. I SHUDDERED... AND RICO TOOK THIS TREMOR FOR PASSION...**

**HEY, YOU'RE A REAL LITTLE BALL OF FIRE. ANTENNA?**



**LIFE WITH RICO CARGOW WAS ANYTHING BUT DULL! HIS SUPPLY OF MONEY SEEMED LIMITLESS!**

**WAIT'LL I GET MY HANDS ON THAT PHONY TIPSTER! THAT NAG JUST COST ME 50'S!**



**LET'S GO, DOLLFACE... IS GRAND IS ENOUGH TO DROP AT ONE WHEEL!**



**AND HE WAS ALWAYS THE ARDENT LOVER... CONSTANTLY SEEKING SATISFACTION FOR HIS BASER INSTINCTS!**



**RICO TOOK ME EVERYWHERE... EVEN TO HIS MEETINGS WITH THE BOYS!**

**IS IT OKAY IN FRONT OF THE DAME, BOSS?**

**DON'T WORRY, DOLLFACE CAN BE TRUSTED!**



**THEY DISCUSSED THEIR NEXT JOB FREELY IN FRONT OF ME! I LISTENED INTENTLY AS THEY PLANNED TO ROB A FUR WAREHOUSE!**

**YOU SURE YOU GOT THIS THING CASED RIGHT? THESE ARE THE PLACES WHERE THE ALARMS CAN BE CUT SO THEY WON'T GO OFF!**

**RIGHT! AND THE GUARDS PASS RIGHT AT THESE POINTS!**



IT WAS AN INDUOUSLY CONCEIVED PLAN! NO WONDER RICO HAD BEEN ABLE TO ELUDE THE POLICE ALL THIS TIME... BUT IT WAS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT THIS TIME...

PRETTY CLEVER, MUH, DOLL-FACE? BY THE TIME THE COPS GET THERE, WE'LL HAVE THOSE FURS IN A NICE SAFE PLACE...

YOU'RE SMART, LOVER... REAL SMART!



THE NIGHT OF THE ROBBERY CAME AND RICO AND SOME OF THE BOYS WERE DISCUSSING FINAL DETAILS WHEN...

RICO! THE COPS'VE BEEN TIPPED OFF! I GOT IT FROM ONE OF OUR CONTACTS AT HEADQUARTERS! THEY'RE GONNA WAIT FOR US TO GET INSIDE THE WAREHOUSE AND THEN CLOSE IN!

WHAT?



THERE'S 400 GRAND IN FURS IN THAT JOINT AND I AIN'T GONNA LET IT GO... I GOT ANOTHER IDEA, BUT FIRST, I WANT TO KNOW WHO TIPPED OFF THE COPS!



SUDDENLY, FIVE PAIRS OF EYES TURNED TOWARDS ME AND I RECOILED IN PANIC AS I REALIZED THERE WAS NO ESCAPE!



RICO'S HAND LASHED OUT AND STRUCK ME ACROSS THE FACE, KNOCKING ME TO THE FLOOR!

YOU DIRTY LITTLE DOUBLE-CROSSING STOOLE-PIGEON! IT WAS YOU!



RICO BECAME A WHIRLWIND OF MOTION THEN! HE BARKED ORDERS, MAKING LAST-MINUTE CHANGES IN THE PLAN...

OKAY, WE'RE MOVIN' NOW... THREE HOURS EARLIER! BRING THOSE MACHINE GUNS AND PLENTY OF AMMO! WE'RE GONNA HAVE A LITTLE PARTY WAITIN' FOR THE COPPERS WHEN THEY COME!



...AND YOU'RE COMIN' WITH US... JUST IN CASE WE RUN INTO ANY TROUBLE!



WE DROVE TO THE WAREHOUSE IN TWO TRUCKS! THE MEN QUICKLY SET ABOUT PUTTING THE PLAN INTO OPERATION!

OKAY, BOSS! THE ALARM SYSTEM'S BEEN DISCONNECTED AND THE GUARDS ARE OUT COLD!

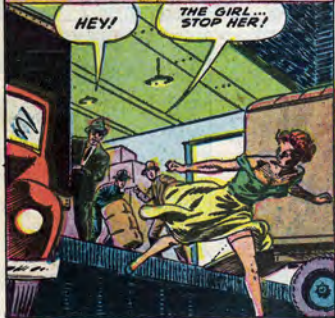
GOOD! NOW GET TWO GUYS UP ON THE ROOF WITH THE MACHINE GUNS! LOUIE, KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE GIRL AND WATCH FOR THE COPS! THE REST OF YOU START LOADING THE TRUCKS!



A FEW MINUTES LATER I HEARD THE DISTANT SOUNDS OF AUTOS COMING TOWARDS THE WAREHOUSE! TIM... TIM WOULD BE AMONG THE RAIDING FORCE! DESPERATELY, I LOOKED ABOUT ME! MY GUARD'S HEAD WAS TURNED! I LEAPED OUT INTO THE STREET, HEADLESS OF THE DANGER TO MYSELF!

HEY!

THE GIRL... STOP HER!



I RAN TOWARDS THE APPROACHING POLICE CARS, SCREAMING AND WAVING FRANTICALLY... BULLETS FROM THE WAREHOUSE WHISTLING ABOUT ME!

AMBUSH! MACHINE GUNS... THE ROOF! DON'T GET OUT!





A SECOND LATER, I FELT A STABBING PAIN IN MY CHEST AND A BLACK CURTAIN FELL ACROSS MY EYES ENCLOSING ME IN WELCOME OBIVISION!



WHEN I AWOKE, THE FIRST THING THAT GREETED MY EYES WAS TIM'S FACE... A LOOK OF RELIEF SWEPT OVER IT!

TIM... TIM, YOU'RE ALL RIGHT... THE AMBUSH... IT DIDN'T WORK...

NO, MEG, THANKS TO YOU WE GOT THEM ALL! OH, MEG, DARLING, WHY DID YOU DO IT?



I TOLD HIM HOW I HAD LED RICO CARGONI ON UNTIL HE TRUSTED ME... HOPING TO GET THE ONE BREAK NEEDED TO HELP TIM CRACK RICO'S OPERATIONS!

THEN IT WAS YOU WHO PHONED IN THAT TIP! MEG, YOU LITTLE FOOL... YOU COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED!

YOU TOOK QUITE A RISK, YOUNG LADY! THAT BULLET BARELY MISSED YOUR HEART!



OH, MEG, I'VE BEEN SUCH A STUPID, STUBBORN FOOL! I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED... DARLING, FORGIVE ME!

ONLY IF YOU PROMISE TO MARRY ME... RIGHT NOW!



TIM AND I WERE MARRIED AND SHORTLY AFTERWARDS HIS PROMOTION CAME THROUGH! NOW, WHENEVER TIM BECOMES OBSTINATE ABOUT ANYTHING, I SHOW HIM THE TINY SCAR TO REMIND HIM OF WHAT ONCE HAPPENED BECAUSE OF HIS STUBBORNESS...



R.S. ... FUNNY HOW HE GETS STUBBORN OVER THE LITTLEST THINGS SOMETIMES!

The End



You've done it often. Call it day-dreaming if you like, but you've seen yourself in a bigger job - giving orders and making decisions - driving off in a smart new car - buying your family a fine home.

There's nothing wrong with dreams. But how about making them come true? You can do it, if you're willing to try!

Look around you. The men who are going places are the trained men. They've learned

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